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NOW COME Defendants Pfizer Inc. (improperly captioned in Plaintiff's Complaint as "Pfizer, Inc.") ("Pfizer"), Pharmacia Corporation ("Pharmacia"), and G.D. Searle LLC ("Searle"), (collectively "Defendants") and file this Answer to Plaintiff's Complaint ("Complaint"), and would respectfully show the Court as follows:

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PRELIMINARY STATEMENT

The Complaint does not state in sufficient detail when Decedent was prescribed or used Celebrex® (celecoxib) ("Celebrex®"). Accordingly, this Answer can only be drafted generally. Defendants may seek leave to amend this Answer when discovery reveals the specific time periods in which Decedent was prescribed and used Celebrex®.

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ANSWER

Answering the unnumbered paragraph preceding Paragraph 1 of the Complaint, Defendants admit that Plaintiff brought this civil action seeking monetary damages, but deny that Plaintiff is entitled to any relief or damages. Defendants admit that, during certain periods of time, Pfizer and Pharmacia marketed and co-promoted Celebrex® in the United States to be prescribed by healthcare providers who are by law authorized to prescribe drugs in accordance with their approval by the FDA. Defendants admit that, during certain periods of time, Celebrex® was manufactured and packaged for Searle, which developed, tested, marketed, copromoted and distributed Celebrex® in the United States to be prescribed by healthcare providers who are by law authorized to prescribe drugs in accordance with their approval by the FDA. Defendants state that Celebrex® was and is safe and effective when used in accordance with its FDA-approved prescribing information. Defendants state that the potential effects of Celebrex® were and are adequately described in its FDA-approved prescribing information, which was at all times adequate and comported with applicable standards of care and law. Defendants deny any wrongful conduct, deny that Celebrex® caused Plaintiff or Decedent injury or damage, and deny the remaining allegations in this paragraph of the Complaint.

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Response to Allegations Regarding Parties

- Defendants are without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations in this paragraph of the Complaint regarding Plaintiff's age, citizenship, marital status, and whether Plaintiff is the Proposed Representative of Decedent's Estate, and, therefore, deny the same. Defendants deny the remaining allegations in this paragraph of the Complaint.
- 2. Defendants admit that Pfizer is a Delaware corporation with its principal place of business in New York. Defendants admit that, as the result of a merger in April 2003, Pharmacia became a subsidiary of Pfizer. Defendants state that the allegations in this paragraph of the Complaint regarding "predecessors in interest" are vague and ambiguous. Defendants are without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of such allegations, and, therefore, deny the same. Defendants admit that, during certain periods of time, Pfizer marketed and co-promoted Celebrex® in the United States, including Hawaii, to be prescribed by healthcare providers who are by law authorized to prescribe drugs in accordance with their approval by the FDA. Defendants deny the remaining allegations in this paragraph of the Complaint.
- 3. Defendants admit that Searle is a Delaware limited liability company with its principal place of business in Illinois. Defendants admit that Pharmacia acquired Searle in 2000 and that, as the result of a merger in April 2003, Searle and Pharmacia became subsidiaries of Pfizer. Defendants admit that, during certain periods of time, Celebrex® was manufactured and packaged for Searle, which developed, tested, marketed, co-promoted and distributed Celebrex® in the United States to be prescribed by healthcare providers who are by law authorized to prescribe drugs in accordance with their approval by the FDA. Defendants deny the remaining allegations in this paragraph of the Complaint.
- 4. Defendants admit that Pharmacia is a Delaware corporation with its principal place of business in New Jersey. Defendants admit that Pharmacia acquired Searle in 2000 and that, as the result of a merger in April 2003, Searle and Pharmacia became subsidiaries of Pfizer. Defendants admit that, during certain periods of time, Pharmacia marketed and co-promoted

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Celebrex® in the United States, including Hawaii and California, to be prescribed by healthcare providers who are by law authorized to prescribe drugs in accordance with their approval by the FDA. Defendants deny the remaining allegations in this paragraph of the Complaint.

- 5. Defendants admit that, during certain periods of time, Pfizer and Pharmacia marketed and co-promoted Celebrex® in the United States to be prescribed by healthcare providers who are by law authorized to prescribe drugs in accordance with their approval by the FDA. Defendants admit that, during certain periods of time, Celebrex® was manufactured and packaged for Searle, which developed, tested, marketed, co-promoted and distributed Celebrex® in the United States to be prescribed by healthcare providers who are by law authorized to prescribe drugs in accordance with their approval by the FDA. Defendants admit that Pharmacia acquired Searle in 2000 and that, as the result of a merger in April 2003, Searle and Pharmacia became subsidiaries of Pfizer. Defendants deny the remaining allegations in this paragraph of the Complaint.
- 6. Defendants admit that, during certain periods of time, Pfizer and Pharmacia marketed and co-promoted Celebrex® in the United States to be prescribed by healthcare providers who are by law authorized to prescribe drugs in accordance with their approval by the FDA. Defendants admit that, during certain periods of time, Celebrex® was manufactured and packaged for Searle, which developed, tested, marketed, co-promoted and distributed Celebrex® in the United States to be prescribed by healthcare providers who are by law authorized to prescribe drugs in accordance with their approval by the FDA. Defendants state that Celebrex® was and is safe and effective when used in accordance with its FDA-approved prescribing information. Defendants state that the potential effects of Celebrex® were and are adequately described in its FDA-approved prescribing information, which was at all times adequate and comported with applicable standards of care and law. Defendants deny any wrongful conduct and deny the remaining allegations in this paragraph of the Complaint.
- Defendants state that the allegations in this paragraph of the Complaint regarding 7. "predecessors in interest" are vague and ambiguous. Defendants are without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of such allegations, and, therefore, deny

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Response to Allegations Regarding Interdistrict Assignment

11. Defendants state that this paragraph of the Complaint contains legal contentions to

Response to Allegations Regarding Jurisdiction and Venue

the same. Defendants deny the remaining allegations in this paragraph of the Complaint.

- Defendants are without knowledge or information to form a belief as to the truth of the 8. allegations in this paragraph of the Complaint regarding Plaintiff's and Decedent's citizenship and the amount in controversy, and, therefore, deny the same. However, Defendants admit that Plaintiff claims that the parties are diverse and the amount in controversy exceeds \$75,000, exclusive of interests and costs.
- Defendants are without knowledge or information to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations in this paragraph of the Complaint regarding the judicial district in which the asserted claims allegedly arose and, therefore, deny the same. Defendants state that Celebrex® was and is safe and effective when used in accordance with its FDA-approved prescribing information. Defendants deny committing a tort in the States of Arizona and California and deny the remaining allegations in this paragraph of the Complaint.
- 10. Defendants admit that, during certain periods of time, Pfizer and Pharmacia marketed and co-promoted Celebrex® in the United States, including Hawaii and California, to be prescribed by healthcare providers who are by law authorized to prescribe drugs in accordance with their approval by the FDA. Defendants admit that, during certain periods of time, Celebrex® was manufactured and packaged for Searle, which developed, tested, marketed, copromoted and distributed Celebrex® in the United States to be prescribed by healthcare providers who are by law authorized to prescribe drugs in accordance with their approval by the FDA. Defendants admit that Pfizer, Pharmacia, and Searle are registered to and do business in the States of Hawaii and California. Defendants state that the allegations in this paragraph of the Complaint regarding "predecessors in interest" are vague and ambiguous. Defendants are without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of such allegations, and, therefore, deny the same. Defendants deny committing a tort in the States of Hawaii, Arizona, or California and deny the remaining allegations in this paragraph of the Complaint.

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which no response is required. To the extent that a response is deemed required, Defendants admit that this case should be transferred to In re: Bextra and Celebrex Marketing, Sales Prac. and Prods. Liab. Litig., MDL-1699, assigned to the Honorable Charles R. Breyer by the Judicial Panel on Multidistrict Litigation on September 6, 2005.

Response to Factual Allegations

- 12. Defendants are without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations in this paragraph of the Complaint regarding whether Decedent used Celebrex® and, therefore, deny the same. Defendants deny the remaining allegations in this paragraph of the Complaint.
- 13 Defendants are without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations in this paragraph of the Complaint regarding Decedent's medical condition or whether Decedent used Celebrex® and, therefore, deny the same. Defendants state that Celebrex® was and is safe and effective when used in accordance with its FDA-approved prescribing information. Defendants state that the potential effects of Celebrex® were and are adequately described in its FDA-approved prescribing information, which was at all times adequate and comported with applicable standards of care and law. Defendants deny that Celebrex® caused Plaintiff injury or damage and deny the remaining allegations in this paragraph of the Complaint.
- 14. Defendants are without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations in this paragraph of the Complaint regarding whether Decedent used Celebrex® and, therefore, deny the same. Defendants state that Celebrex® was and is safe and effective when used in accordance with its FDA-approved prescribing information. Defendants state that the potential effects of Celebrex® were and are adequately described in its FDAapproved prescribing information, which was at all times adequate and comported with applicable standards of care and law. Defendants deny the remaining allegations in this paragraph of the Complaint.
- 15. Defendants are without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations in this paragraph of the Complaint regarding whether Decedent used

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Celebrex® and, therefore, deny the same. Defendants state that Celebrex® was and is safe and effective when used in accordance with its FDA-approved prescribing information. Defendants state that the potential effects of Celebrex® were and are adequately described in its FDAapproved prescribing information, which was at all times adequate and comported with applicable standards of care and law. Defendants deny any wrongful conduct, deny that Celebrex® caused Plaintiff or Decedent injury or damage and deny the remaining allegations in this paragraph of the Complaint.

- Defendants are without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations in this paragraph of the Complaint regarding whether Decedent used Celebrex® and, therefore, deny the same. Defendants state that, in the ordinary case, Celebrex® was expected to reach users and consumers without substantial change from the time of sale. Defendants deny the remaining allegations in this paragraph of the Complaint.
- 16. Answering the second Paragraph 16 of the Complaint, Defendants are without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations in this paragraph of the Complaint regarding whether Decedent used Celebrex® and, therefore, deny the same. Defendants state that Celebrex® was and is safe and effective when used in accordance with its FDA-approved prescribing information. Defendants state that the potential effects of Celebrex® were and are adequately described in its FDA-approved prescribing information, which was at all times adequate and comported with applicable standards of care and law. Defendants deny any wrongful conduct and deny the remaining allegations in this paragraph of the Complaint.
- 17. Defendants state that the allegations in this paragraph of the Complaint regarding aspirin, naproxen, and ibuprofen are not directed toward Defendants, and, therefore, no response is required. Defendants admit that Celebrex® is in a class of drugs that are, at times, referred to as being non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs ("NSAIDs"). Defendants deny the remaining allegations in this paragraph of the Complaint.
- 18. Defendants state that the allegations in this paragraph of the Complaint are not directed towards Defendants and, therefore, no response is required. To the extent that a response is

or knowledge to form a belief as to the truth of such allegations and, therefore, deny the same.

- 19. Defendants state that the allegations in this paragraph of the Complaint are not directed towards Defendants and, therefore, no response is required. To the extent that a response is
- deemed required, Defendants state that Plaintiff fails to provide the proper context for the
- allegations in this paragraph of the Complaint. Defendants therefore lack sufficient information
- or knowledge to form a belief as to the truth of such allegations and, therefore, deny the same.
- 20. Defendants state that the allegations in this paragraph of the Complaint are not directed
- towards Defendants and, therefore, no response is required. To the extent that a response is
- deemed required, Defendants state that Plaintiff fails to provide the proper context for the
- allegations in this paragraph of the Complaint. Defendants therefore lack sufficient information
- or knowledge to form a belief as to the truth of such allegations and, therefore, deny the same.
- 21. Plaintiff's Complaint omits Paragraph Number 21.
- 22. Defendants state that the allegations in this paragraph of the Complaint regarding "other
 - pharmaceutical companies" are not directed towards Defendants and, therefore, no response is
- 17 required. To the extent a response is deemed required, Defendants state that, as stated in the
- 18 FDA-approved labeling for Celebrex®, "[t]he mechanism of action of Celebrex is believed to
- 19 be due to inhibition of prostaglandin synthesis, primarily via inhibition of cyclooxygenase-2
- 20 (COX-2), and at therapeutic concentrations in humans, Celebrex does not inhibit the
- 21 cyclooxygenase-1 (COX-1) isoenzyme." Plaintiff fails to provide the proper context for the
- 22 remaining allegations in this paragraph and Defendants therefore lack sufficient information or
- 23 knowledge to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations and, therefore, deny the remaining
- 24 allegations in this paragraph of the Complaint.
- 25 23. Defendants state that the allegations in this paragraph of the Complaint regarding
- 26 "predecessors in interest" are vague and ambiguous. Defendants are without knowledge or
- 27 information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of such allegations, and, therefore, deny
- 28 the same. Defendants state that, as stated in the FDA-approved labeling for Celebrex®, "[t]he

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mechanism of action of Celebrex is believed to be due to inhibition of prostaglandin synthesis, primarily via inhibition of cyclooxygenase-2 (COX-2), and at therapeutic concentrations in humans, Celebrex does not inhibit the cyclooxygenase-1 (COX-1) isoenzyme." Defendants state that Celebrex® was and is safe and effective when used in accordance with its FDAapproved prescribing information. Defendants state that the potential effects of Celebrex® were and are adequately described in its FDA-approved prescribing information, which was at all times adequate and comported with applicable standards of care and law. Defendants deny any wrongful conduct and deny the remaining allegations in this paragraph of the Complaint.

- Defendants admit that Searle submitted a New Drug Application ("NDA") for Celebrex® on June 29, 1998. Defendants admit that, on December 31, 1998, the FDA granted approval of Celebrex® for the following indications: (1) for relief of the signs and symptoms of osteoarthritis; and (2) for relief of the signs and symptoms of rheumatoid arthritis in adults. Defendants admit that, on December 23, 1999, the FDA granted approval of Celebrex® to reduce the number of adenomatous colorectal polyps in familial adenomatous polyposis ("FAP") as an adjunct to usual care (e.g. endoscopic surveillance surgery). Defendants deny the remaining allegations in this paragraph of the Complaint.
- 25. Defendants admit that Celebrex® was launched in February 1999. Defendants admit that, during certain periods of time, Pfizer and Pharmacia marketed and co-promoted Celebrex® in the United States to be prescribed by healthcare providers who are by law authorized to prescribe drugs in accordance with their approval by the FDA. Defendants admit that, during certain periods of time, Celebrex® was manufactured and packaged for Searle, which developed, tested, marketed, co-promoted and distributed Celebrex® in the United States to be prescribed by healthcare providers who are by law authorized to prescribe drugs in accordance with their approval by the FDA. Defendants state that Celebrex® was and is safe and effective when used in accordance with its FDA-approved prescribing information. Defendants state that the potential effects of Celebrex® were and are adequately described in its FDA-approved prescribing information, which was at all times adequate and comported with applicable standards of care and law. Defendants deny any wrongful conduct and deny the

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remaining allegations in this paragraph of the Complaint.

- 26. Defendants state that the referenced article speaks for itself and respectfully refer the Court to the article for its actual language and text. Any attempt to characterize the article is denied. Defendants state that Celebrex® was and is safe and effective when used in accordance with its FDA-approved prescribing information. Defendants deny the remaining allegations in this paragraph of the Complaint.
- 27. Defendants state that the referenced article speaks for itself and respectfully refer the Court to the article for its actual language and text. Any attempt to characterize the article is denied. Defendants state that Celebrex® was and is safe and effective when used in accordance with its FDA-approved prescribing information. Defendants deny the remaining allegations in this paragraph of the Complaint.
- 28. Defendants state that the referenced FDA Update speaks for itself and respectfully refer the Court to the FDA Update for its actual language and text. Any attempt to characterize the FDA Update is denied. Defendants state that Celebrex® was and is safe and effective when used in accordance with its FDA-approved prescribing information. Defendants state that the potential effects of Celebrex® were and are adequately described in its FDA-approved prescribing information, which was at all times adequate and comported with applicable standards of care and law. Defendants deny the remaining allegations in this paragraph of the Complaint.
- Defendants state that Celebrex® was and is safe and effective when used in accordance 29. with its FDA-approved prescribing information. Defendants state that the potential effects of Celebrex® were and are adequately described in its FDA-approved prescribing information, which was at all times adequate and comported with applicable standards of care and law. Defendants deny any wrongful conduct and deny the remaining allegations in this paragraph of the Complaint.
- 30. Defendants admit that a supplemental NDA for Celebrex® was submitted to the FDA on June 12, 2000. Defendants assert that the submission speaks for itself and any attempt to characterize it is denied. Defendants admit that a Medical Officer Review dated September 20,

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- 2000, was completed by the FDA. Defendants state that the referenced study speaks for itself and respectfully refer the Court to the study for its actual language and text. Any attempt to characterize the study is denied. Defendants deny the remaining allegations in this paragraph of the Complaint.
- 31. Defendants state that the referenced article speaks for itself and respectfully refer the Court to the article for its actual language and text. Any attempt to characterize the article is denied. Defendants deny the remaining allegations in this paragraph of the Complaint.
- 32. Plaintiff's Complaint omits Paragraph Number 32.
- 33. Defendants state that the referenced study speaks for itself and respectfully refer the Court to the study for its actual language and text. Any attempt to characterize the study is denied. Defendants deny any wrongful conduct and deny the remaining allegations in this paragraph of the Complaint.
- 34. Defendants state that the Medical Officer Review speaks for itself and respectfully refer the Court to the Medical Officer Review for its actual language and text. Any attempt to characterize the Medical Officer Review is denied. Defendants deny any wrongful conduct and deny the remaining allegations in this paragraph of the Complaint.
- 35. Defendants state that the transcripts of the FDA Arthritis Drugs Advisory Committee hearings speak for themselves and respectfully refer the Court to the transcripts for their actual language and text. Any attempt to characterize the transcripts is denied. Defendants deny any wrongful conduct and deny the remaining allegations in this paragraph of the Complaint.
- 36. Defendants state that the referenced articles speak for themselves and respectfully refer the Court to the articles for their actual language and text. Any attempt to characterize the articles is denied. Defendants state that the referenced study speaks for itself and respectfully refer the Court to the study for its actual language and text. Any attempt to characterize the study is denied. Defendants deny the remaining allegations in this paragraph of the Complaint.
- 37. Defendants state that the referenced article speaks for itself and respectfully refer the Court to the article for its actual language and text. Any attempt to characterize the article is denied. Defendants deny any wrongful conduct and deny the remaining allegations in this

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- paragraph of the Complaint.
- Defendants state that the referenced articles speak for themselves and respectfully refer the Court to the articles for their actual language and text. Any attempt to characterize the articles is denied. Defendants deny the remaining allegations in this paragraph of the
- Complaint.
- 39. Defendants state that the referenced article speaks for itself and respectfully refer the
- 7 Court to the article for its actual language and text. Any attempt to characterize the article is
- 8 denied. Defendants state that the referenced study speaks for itself and respectfully refer the
- 9 Court to the study for its actual language and text. Any attempt to characterize the study is
 - denied. Defendants deny the remaining allegations in this paragraph of the Complaint.
 - 40. Defendants state that the referenced Medical Officer Review speaks for itself and
 - respectfully refer the Court to the Medical Officer Review for its actual language and text. Any
 - attempt to characterize the Medical Officer Review is denied. Defendants deny the remaining
 - allegations in this paragraph of the Complaint.
 - Plaintiff fails to provide the proper context for the allegations concerning "Public 41.
 - Citizen" in this paragraph of the Complaint. Defendants therefore lack sufficient information or
 - knowledge to form a belief as to the truth of such allegations and, therefore, deny the same.
 - Defendants deny the remaining allegations in this paragraph of the Complaint.
 - 42. Defendants state that the referenced article speaks for itself and respectfully refer the
- 20 Court to the article for its actual language and text. Any attempt to characterize the article is
- denied. Defendants deny any wrongful conduct and deny the remaining allegations in this
 - paragraph of the Complaint.
- 23 43. Defendants state that the referenced study speaks for itself and respectfully refer the
- 24 Court to the study for its actual language and text. Any attempt to characterize the study is
- 25 denied. Plaintiff fails to provide the proper context for the allegations concerning "Public
 - Citizen" in this paragraph of the Complaint. Defendants therefore lack sufficient information or
- 27 knowledge to form a belief as to the truth of such allegations and, therefore, deny the same.
- 28 Defendants deny the remaining allegations in this paragraph of the Complaint.

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- 44. Defendants admit that there was a clinical trial called APC. Defendants state that the referenced article speaks for itself and respectfully refer the Court to the article for its actual language and text. Any attempt to characterize the article is denied. Defendants deny the remaining allegations in this paragraph of the Complaint.
- 45. Defendants state that the referenced article speaks for itself and respectfully refer the Court to the article for its actual language and text. Any attempt to characterize the article is denied. Plaintiff fails to provide the proper context for the allegations concerning "Data Safety Monitoring Board" in this paragraph of the Complaint. Defendants therefore lack sufficient information or knowledge to form a belief as to the truth of such allegations and, therefore, deny the same. Defendants deny the remaining allegations in this paragraph of the Complaint.
- 46. Defendants state that the referenced article speaks for itself and respectfully refer the Court to the article for its actual language and text. Any attempt to characterize the article is denied. Defendants deny the remaining allegations in this paragraph of the Complaint.
- 47. Defendants state that the referenced Alert for Healthcare Professionals speaks for itself and respectfully refer the Court to the Alert for Healthcare Professionals for its actual language and text. Any attempt to characterize the Alert for Healthcare Professionals is denied. Defendants deny the remaining allegations in this paragraph of the Complaint.
- 48 Defendants state that the referenced Medical Officer Review speaks for itself and respectfully refer the Court to the Medical Officer Review for its actual language and text. Any attempt to characterize the Medical Officer Review is denied. Defendants deny the remaining allegations in this paragraph of the Complaint.
- 49. Defendants admit that there was a clinical trial called PreSAP. Plaintiff fails to provide the proper context for the allegations concerning "other Celebrex trials" contained in this paragraph of the Complaint. Defendants therefore lack sufficient information or knowledge to form a belief as to the truth of such allegations and, therefore, deny the same. As for the allegations in this paragraph of the Complaint regarding the PreSAP study, Defendants state that the referenced study speaks for itself and respectfully refer the Court to the study for its actual language and text. Any attempt to characterize the study is denied. Defendants deny the

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- remaining allegations in this paragraph of the Complaint.
 - 50. Defendants state that the referenced article speaks for itself and respectfully refer the Court to the article for its actual language and text. Any attempt to characterize the article is denied. Defendants deny the remaining allegations in this paragraph of the Complaint.
 - 51. Plaintiff fails to provide the proper context for the allegations in this paragraph of the Complaint regarding Merck and Vioxx® in this paragraph of the Complaint. Defendants therefore lack sufficient information or knowledge to form a belief as to the truth of such allegations and, therefore, deny the same. Defendants state that the referenced studies speak for themselves and respectfully refer the Court to the studies for their actual language and text. Any attempt to characterize the studies is denied. Defendants deny the remaining allegations in this paragraph of the Complaint.
 - 52. Defendants state that the referenced Medical Officer Review speaks for itself and respectfully refer the Court to the Medical Officer Review for its actual language and text. Any attempt to characterize the Medical Officer Review is denied. Defendants deny the remaining allegations in this paragraph of the Complaint.
 - 53. Defendants state that allegations regarding Vioxx® in this paragraph of the Complaint are not directed toward Defendants, and therefore no response is required. To the extent that a response is deemed required. Plaintiff fails to provide the proper context for the allegations in this paragraph of the Complaint regarding Vioxx® in this paragraph of the Complaint. Defendants therefore lack sufficient information or knowledge to form a belief as to the truth of such allegations and, therefore, deny the same. Defendants state that the referenced study speaks for itself and respectfully refer the Court to the study for its actual language and text. Any attempt to characterize the study is denied. Defendants deny the remaining allegations in this paragraph of the Complaint.
 - 54. Defendants state that allegations regarding Merck and Vioxx® in this paragraph of the Complaint are not directed toward Defendants, and therefore no response is required. To the extent that a response is deemed required, Plaintiff fails to provide the proper context for the allegations in this paragraph of the Complaint regarding Merck and Vioxx® in this paragraph

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of the Complaint. Defendants therefore lack sufficient information or knowledge to form a belief as to the truth of such allegations and, therefore, deny the same. Defendants state that the referenced study speaks for itself and respectfully refer the Court to the study for its actual language and text. Any attempt to characterize the study is denied. Defendants deny the remaining allegations in this paragraph of the Complaint.

- 55. Defendants state that allegations regarding Merck and Vioxx® in this paragraph of the Complaint are not directed toward Defendants, and therefore no response is required. To the extent that a response is deemed required, Plaintiff fails to provide the proper context for the allegations in this paragraph of the Complaint regarding Merck and Vioxx® in this paragraph of the Complaint. Defendants therefore lack sufficient information or knowledge to form a belief as to the truth of such allegations and, therefore, deny the same. Defendants state that the referenced study speaks for itself and respectfully refer the Court to the study for its actual language and text. Any attempt to characterize the study is denied. Defendants state that the referenced article speaks for itself and respectfully refer the Court to the article for its actual language and text. Any attempt to characterize the article is denied. Defendants deny the remaining allegations in this paragraph of the Complaint.
- 56. Defendants state that Celebrex® was and is safe and effective when used in accordance with its FDA-approved prescribing information. Defendants deny the allegations in this paragraph of the Complaint.
- 57. Defendants state that the referenced article speaks for itself and respectfully refer the Court to the article for its actual language and text. Any attempt to characterize the article is denied. Defendants deny the remaining allegations in this paragraph of the Complaint.
- 58. Defendants state that allegations in this paragraph of the Complaint are not directed toward Defendants, and therefore no response is required. To the extent that a response is deemed required, Defendants state that the referenced article speaks for itself and respectfully refer the Court to the article for its actual language and text. Any attempt to characterize the article is denied. Defendants deny the remaining allegations in this paragraph of the Complaint.
- 59. Defendants deny the allegations in this paragraph of the Complaint.

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- 60. Defendants state that Celebrex® was and is safe and effective when used in accordance with its FDA-approved prescribing information. Defendants state that the potential effects of Celebrex® were and are adequately described in its FDA-approved prescribing information, which was at all times adequate and comported with applicable standards of care and law. Defendants deny any wrongful conduct, deny that Celebrex® is defective, and deny the
- 61. Defendants deny any wrongful conduct and deny the allegations contained in this paragraph of the Complaint.
- Defendants deny any wrongful conduct and deny the allegations contained in this 62. paragraph of the Complaint.
- Defendants state that Celebrex® was and is safe and effective when used in accordance 63. with its FDA-approved prescribing information. Defendants state that the potential effects of Celebrex® were and are adequately described in its FDA-approved prescribing information, which was at all times adequate and comported with applicable standards of care and law. Defendants deny any wrongful conduct and deny the remaining allegations contained in this paragraph of the Complaint.
- Defendants are without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations in this paragraph of the Complaint regarding whether Decedent used Celebrex® and, therefore, deny the same. Defendants state that Celebrex® was and is safe and effective when used in accordance with its FDA-approved prescribing information. Defendants state that the potential effects of Celebrex® were and are adequately described in its FDAapproved prescribing information, which was at all times adequate and comported with applicable standards of care and law. Defendants deny any wrongful conduct, deny that Celebrex® is unreasonably dangerous, and deny the remaining allegations in this paragraph of the Complaint.
- 65. Defendants admit that the FDA Division of Drug Marketing, Advertising, and Communications ("DDMAC") sent letters to Searle dated October 6, 1999, April 6, 2000, and November 14, 2000. Defendants state that the referenced letters speak for themselves and

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Gordon & Rees, LLP 275 Battery Street, Suite 2000 16 characterize the letters is denied. Defendants deny the remaining allegations in this paragraph

of the Complaint.

66. Defendants admit that the DDMAC sent a letter to Pharmacia dated February 1, 2001. Defendants state that the referenced letter speaks for itself and respectfully refer the Court to the letter for its actual language and text. Any attempt to characterize the letter is denied. Defendants deny the remaining allegations in this paragraph of the Complaint.

respectfully refer the Court to the letters for their actual language and text. Any attempt to

- Defendants state that the referenced article speaks for itself and respectfully refer the Court to the article for its actual language and text. Any attempt to characterize the article is denied. Defendants deny the remaining allegations in this paragraph of the Complaint.
- 68. Defendants admit that the DDMAC sent a letter to Pfizer dated January 10, 2005. Defendants state that the referenced letter speaks for itself and respectfully refer the Court to the letter for its actual language and text. Any attempt to characterize the letter is denied. Defendants deny the remaining allegations in this paragraph of the Complaint.
- 69. Defendants state that Celebrex® was and is safe and effective when used in accordance with its FDA-approved prescribing information. Defendants state that the potential effects of Celebrex® were and are adequately described in its FDA-approved prescribing information, which was at all times adequate and comported with applicable standards of care and law. Defendants admit that, during certain periods of time, Pfizer and Pharmacia marketed and copromoted Celebrex® in the United States to be prescribed by healthcare providers who are by law authorized to prescribe drugs in accordance with their approval by the FDA. Defendants admit that, during certain periods of time, Celebrex® was manufactured and packaged for Searle, which developed, tested, marketed, co-promoted and distributed Celebrex® in the United States to be prescribed by healthcare providers who are by law authorized to prescribe drugs in accordance with their approval by the FDA. Defendants deny the remaining allegations in this paragraph of the Complaint.
- 70. Defendants state that Celebrex® was and is safe and effective when used in accordance with its FDA-approved prescribing information. Defendants state that the potential effects of

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treatment of primary dysmenorrhea; (5) to reduce the number of adenomatous colorectal polyps
in familial adenomatous polyposis (FAP) as an adjunct to usual care (e.g., endoscopic
surveillance surgery); (6) for relief of signs and symptoms of ankylosing spondylitis; and (7) for
relief of the signs and symptoms of juvenile rheumatoid arthritis in patients two years of age
and older. Defendants deny any wrongful conduct and deny the remaining allegations in this
paragraph of the Complaint.

- 71. Defendants state that Celebrex® was and is safe and effective when used in accordance with its FDA-approved prescribing information. Defendants state that the potential effects of Celebrex® were and are adequately described in its FDA-approved prescribing information, which at all times was adequate and comported with applicable standards of care and law. Defendants state that Plaintiff's allegations regarding "predecessors in interest" are vague and ambiguous. Defendants are without knowledge or information to form a belief as to the truth of such allegations, and, therefore, deny the same. Defendants deny any wrongful conduct, deny that Celebrex® is defective, and deny the allegations in this paragraph of the Complaint.
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- Defendants state that Celebrex® was and is safe and effective when used in accordance with its FDA-approved prescribing information. Defendants state that the potential effects of Celebrex® were and are adequately described in its FDA-approved prescribing information, which was at all times adequate and comported with applicable standards of care and law. Defendants deny any wrongful conduct and deny the remaining allegations in this paragraph of the Complaint.

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Defendants deny any wrongful conduct and deny the remaining allegations in this paragraph of

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Defendants deny any wrongful conduct and deny the remaining allegations in this paragraph of

the Complaint.

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21 truth of the allegations in this paragraph of the Complaint regarding whether Decedent used

22 Celebrex® and, therefore, deny the same. Defendants deny any wrongful conduct, deny that

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Response to First Cause of Action: Negligence

85. Defendants incorporate by reference their responses to each paragraph of Plaintiff's

- Defendants deny any wrongful conduct, deny that Celebrex® is defective, and deny the remaining allegations in this paragraph of the Complaint.
- Defendants state that Celebrex® was and is safe and effective when used in accordance with its FDA-approved prescribing information. Defendants state that the potential effects of Celebrex® are and were adequately described in its FDA-approved prescribing information, which was at all times adequate and comported with applicable standards of care and law. Defendants deny any wrongful conduct and deny the remaining allegations in this paragraph of the Complaint.
- Defendants state that Celebrex® was and is safe and effective when used in accordance 82. with its FDA-approved prescribing information. Defendants state that the potential effects of Celebrex® are and were adequately described in its FDA-approved prescribing information, which was at all times adequate and comported with applicable standards of care and law. Defendants state that the referenced study speaks for itself and respectfully refer the Court to the study for its actual language and text. Any attempt to characterize the study is denied. Defendants deny any wrongful conduct and deny the remaining allegations in this paragraph of the Complaint.
- 83. Defendants deny any wrongful conduct and deny the remaining allegations in this paragraph of the Complaint.
- 84. Defendants are without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations in this paragraph of the Complaint regarding whether Decedent used Celebrex® and, therefore, deny the same. Defendants state that Celebrex® was and is safe and effective when used in accordance with its FDA-approved prescribing information. Defendants state that the potential effects of Celebrex® are and were adequately described in its FDAapproved prescribing information, which was at all times adequate and comported with applicable standards of care and law. Defendants deny any wrongful conduct and deny the remaining allegations in this paragraph of the Complaint.

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- Defendants state that this paragraph of the Complaint contains legal contentions to 87. which no response is required. To the extent that a response is deemed required, Defendants admit that they had duties as are imposed by law but deny having breached such duties. Defendants state that Celebrex® was and is safe and effective when used in accordance with its FDA-approved prescribing information. Defendants state that the potential effects of Celebrex® were and are adequately described in its FDA-approved prescribing information, which was at all times adequate and comported with applicable standards of care and law. Defendants deny any wrongful conduct and deny the remaining allegations in this paragraph of the Complaint.
- 88. Defendants are without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations in this paragraph of the Complaint regarding whether Decedent used Celebrex®, and, therefore, deny the same. Defendants state that Celebrex® was and is safe and effective when used in accordance with its FDA-approved prescribing information. Defendants state that the potential effects of Celebrex® were and are adequately described in its FDAapproved prescribing information, which was at all times adequate and comported with applicable standards of care and law. Defendants deny any wrongful conduct and deny the remaining allegations in this paragraph of the Complaint, including all subparts.
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- 90. Defendants state that Celebrex® was and is safe and effective when used in accordance with its FDA-approved prescribing information. Defendants state that the potential effects of Celebrex® were and are adequately described in its FDA-approved prescribing information, which was at all times adequate and comported with applicable standards of care and law. Defendants deny any wrongful conduct and deny the remaining allegations in this paragraph of the Complaint.
- 91. Defendants are without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations in this paragraph of the Complaint regarding whether Decedent used Celebrex®, and, therefore, deny the same. Defendants state that Celebrex® was and is safe and effective when used in accordance with its FDA-approved prescribing information. Defendants state that the potential effects of Celebrex® were and are adequately described in its FDAapproved prescribing information, which was at all times adequate and comported with applicable standards of care and law. Defendants deny any wrongful conduct, deny that Celebrex® caused Plaintiff or Decedent injury or damage, and deny the remaining allegations in this paragraph of the Complaint.
- 92. Defendants are without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations in this paragraph of the Complaint regarding Plaintiff's and Decedent's medical conditions and whether Decedent used Celebrex®, and, therefore, deny the same. Defendants deny any wrongful conduct, deny that Celebrex® caused Plaintiff or Decedent injury or damage, and deny the remaining allegations in this paragraph of the Complaint.
- 93. Defendants deny any wrongful conduct, deny that Celebrex® caused Plaintiff or

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- 94. Defendants deny any wrongful conduct, deny that Celebrex® caused Plaintiff or Decedent injury or damage, and deny the remaining allegations in this paragraph of the Complaint.
- 95. Defendants deny any wrongful conduct, deny that Celebrex® caused Plaintiff or Decedent injury or damage, and deny the remaining allegations in this paragraph of the Complaint.

Response to Second Cause of Action: Strict Liability

- 96. Defendants incorporate by reference their responses to each paragraph of Plaintiff's Complaint as if fully set forth herein.
- 97. Defendants are without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations in this paragraph of the Complaint regarding whether Decedent used Celebrex®, and, therefore, deny the same. Defendants admit that, during certain periods of time, Pfizer and Pharmacia marketed and co-promoted Celebrex® in the United States to be prescribed by healthcare providers who are by law authorized to prescribe drugs in accordance with their approval by the FDA. Defendants admit that, during certain periods of time, Celebrex® was manufactured and packaged for Searle, which developed, tested, marketed, copromoted and distributed Celebrex® in the United States to be prescribed by healthcare providers who are by law authorized to prescribe drugs in accordance with their approval by the FDA. Defendants state that, in the ordinary case, Celebrex® was expected to reach users and consumers without substantial change from the time of sale. Defendants deny the remaining allegations in this paragraph of the Complaint.
- 98 Defendants state that Celebrex® was and is safe and effective when used in accordance with its FDA-approved prescribing information. Defendants state that the potential effects of Celebrex® were and are adequately described in its FDA-approved prescribing information, which was at all times adequate and comported with applicable standards of care and law. Defendants deny the remaining allegations in this paragraph of the Complaint.

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which was at all times adequate and comported with applicable standards of care and law.

Defendants deny that Celebrex® is defective or unreasonably dangerous and deny the

remaining allegations in this paragraph of the Complaint.

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20 Celebrex® is defective, deny that Celebrex® caused Plaintiff or Decedent injury or damage,

and deny the remaining allegations in this paragraph of the Complaint.

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Defendants deny any wrongful conduct, deny that Celebrex® is defective, and deny the

remaining allegations in this paragraph of the Complaint.

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- Defendants deny any wrongful conduct, deny that Celebrex® caused Plaintiff or 108. Decedent injury or damage, and deny the remaining allegations in this paragraph of the Complaint.
- 109. Defendants deny any wrongful conduct, deny that Celebrex® caused Plaintiff or Decedent injury or damage, and deny the remaining allegations in this paragraph of the Complaint.
- Defendants deny any wrongful conduct, deny that Celebrex® caused Plaintiff or Decedent injury or damage, and deny the remaining allegations in this paragraph of the Complaint.
- Defendants deny any wrongful conduct, deny that Celebrex® caused Plaintiff or Decedent injury or damage, and deny the remaining allegations in this paragraph of the Complaint.

Response to Third Cause of Action: Breach of Express Warranty

- 112. Defendants incorporate by reference their responses to each paragraph of Plaintiff's Complaint as if fully set forth herein.
- Defendants are without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the 113. truth of the allegations in this paragraph of the Complaint regarding whether Decedent used Celebrex®, and, therefore, deny the same. Defendants state that Celebrex® was and is safe and effective when used in accordance with its FDA-approved prescribing information. Defendants

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- Defendants are without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations in this paragraph of the Complaint regarding whether Decedent used Celebrex®, and, therefore, deny the same. Defendants state that Celebrex® was and is safe and effective when used in accordance with its FDA-approved prescribing information. Defendants state that the potential effects of Celebrex® were and are adequately described in its FDAapproved prescribing information, which was at all times adequate and comported with applicable standards of care and law. Defendants admit that they provided FDA-approved prescribing information regarding Celebrex®. Defendants deny any wrongful conduct and deny the remaining allegations in this paragraph of the Complaint, including all subparts.
- Defendants admit that they provided FDA-approved prescribing information regarding Celebrex®. Defendants deny any wrongful conduct and deny the remaining allegations in this paragraph of the Complaint.
- Defendants state that Celebrex® was and is safe and effective when used in accordance with its FDA-approved prescribing information. Defendants state that the potential effects of Celebrex® were and are adequately described in its FDA-approved prescribing information, which was at all times adequate and comported with applicable standards of care and law. Defendants deny any wrongful conduct and deny the remaining allegations in this paragraph of the Complaint.
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- Defendants deny any wrongful conduct, deny that Celebrex® caused Plaintiff or Decedent injury or damage, and deny the remaining allegations in this paragraph of the Complaint.
- Defendants deny any wrongful conduct, deny that Celebrex® caused Plaintiff or 120. Decedent injury or damage, and deny the remaining allegations in this paragraph of the Complaint.
- Defendants deny any wrongful conduct, deny that Celebrex® caused Plaintiff or Decedent injury or damage, and deny the remaining allegations in this paragraph of the Complaint.
- Defendants deny any wrongful conduct, deny that Celebrex® caused Plaintiff or Decedent injury or damage, and deny the remaining allegations in this paragraph of the Complaint.

Response to Fourth Cause of Action: Breach of Implied Warranty

- 123. Defendants incorporate by reference their responses to each paragraph of Plaintiff's Complaint as if fully set forth herein.
- Defendants admit that, during certain periods of time, Pfizer and Pharmacia marketed and co-promoted Celebrex® in the United States to be prescribed by healthcare providers who are by law authorized to prescribe drugs in accordance with their approval by the FDA. Defendants admit that, during certain periods of time, Celebrex® was manufactured and packaged for Searle, which developed, tested, marketed, co-promoted and distributed

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- Defendants state that Celebrex® was and is safe and effective when used in accordance with its FDA-approved prescribing information. Defendants state that the potential effects of Celebrex® were and are adequately described in its FDA-approved prescribing information, which was at all times adequate and comported with applicable standards of care and law. Defendants deny the remaining allegations in this paragraph of the Complaint.
- Defendants state that this paragraph of the Complaint contains legal contentions to which no response is required. To the extent that a response is deemed required, Defendants state that Celebrex® was and is safe and effective when used in accordance with its FDAapproved prescribing information. Defendants state that the potential effects of Celebrex® were and are adequately described in its FDA-approved prescribing information, which was at all times adequate and comported with applicable standards of care and law. Defendants deny any wrongful conduct, deny that they breached any warranty, and deny the remaining allegations in this paragraph of the Complaint.
- Defendants are without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations in this paragraph of the Complaint regarding whether Decedent used Celebrex®, and, therefore, deny the same. Defendants state that Celebrex® is a prescription medication which is approved by the FDA for the following indications: (1) for relief of the signs and symptoms of osteoarthritis; (2) for relief of the signs and symptoms of rheumatoid arthritis in adults; (3) for the management of acute pain in adults; (4) for the treatment of

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primary dysmenorrhea; (5) to reduce the number of adenomatous colorectal polyps in familial adenomatous polyposis (FAP) as an adjunct to usual care (e.g., endoscopic surveillance surgery); (6) for relief of signs and symptoms of ankylosing spondylitis; and (7) for relief of the signs and symptoms of juvenile rheumatoid arthritis in patients two years of age and older. Defendants deny the remaining allegations in this paragraph of the Complaint.

- 129. Defendants are without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations in this paragraph of the Complaint regarding whether Decedent used Celebrex®, and, therefore, deny the same. Defendants state that Celebrex® was and is safe and effective when used in accordance with its FDA-approved prescribing information. Defendants state that the potential effects of Celebrex® were and are adequately described in its FDAapproved prescribing information, which was at all times adequate and comported with applicable standards of care and law. Defendants admit that they provided FDA-approved prescribing information regarding Celebrex®. Defendants deny the remaining allegations in this paragraph of the Complaint.
- Defendants are without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations in this paragraph of the Complaint regarding whether Decedent used Celebrex® and, therefore, deny the same. Defendants state that, in the ordinary case, Celebrex® was expected to reach users and consumers without substantial change from the time of sale. Defendants deny the remaining allegations in this paragraph of the Complaint.
- Defendants are without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations in this paragraph of the Complaint regarding whether Decedent used Celebrex® and, therefore, deny the same. Defendants state that Celebrex® was and is safe and effective when used in accordance with its FDA-approved prescribing information. Defendants state that the potential effects of Celebrex® were and are adequately described in its FDAapproved prescribing information, which was at all times adequate and comported with applicable standards of care and law. Defendants deny any wrongful conduct, deny that they breached any warranty, and deny the remaining allegations in this paragraph of the Complaint.
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 - 133. Defendants deny any wrongful conduct, deny that Celebrex® caused Plaintiff or Decedent injury or damage, and deny the remaining allegations in this paragraph of the Complaint.
 - Defendants deny any wrongful conduct, deny that Celebrex® caused Plaintiff or Decedent injury or damage, and deny the remaining allegations in this paragraph of the Complaint.
 - Defendants deny any wrongful conduct, deny that Celebrex® caused Plaintiff or 135. Decedent injury or damage, and deny the remaining allegations in this paragraph of the Complaint.

Response to Fifth Cause of Action: Fraudulent Misrepresentation and Concealment

- 136. Defendants incorporate by reference their responses to each paragraph of Plaintiff's Complaint as if fully set forth herein.
- Defendants state that this paragraph of the Complaint contains legal contentions to which no response is required. To the extent that a response is deemed required, Defendants admit that they had duties as are imposed by law but deny having breached such duties. Defendants state that Celebrex® was and is safe and effective when used in accordance with its FDA-approved prescribing information. Defendants state that the potential effects of Celebrex® were and are adequately described in its FDA-approved prescribing information, which was at all times adequate and comported with applicable standards of care and law. Defendants deny any wrongful conduct and deny the remaining allegations in this paragraph of the Complaint.
- Defendants state that Celebrex® was and is safe and effective when used in accordance with its FDA-approved prescribing information. Defendants state that the potential effects of Celebrex® were and are adequately described in its FDA-approved prescribing information, which was at all times adequate and comported with applicable standards of care and law. Defendants deny any wrongful conduct and deny the remaining allegations in this paragraph of

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- Defendants are without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations in this paragraph of the Complaint regarding whether Decedent used Celebrex® and, therefore, deny the same. Defendants state that Celebrex® was and is safe and effective when used in accordance with its FDA-approved prescribing information. Defendants state that the potential effects of Celebrex® were and are adequately described in its FDAapproved prescribing information, which was at all times adequate and comported with applicable standards of care and law. Defendants deny any wrongful conduct, deny that Celebrex® is defective or unreasonably dangerous, and deny the remaining allegations in this paragraph of the Complaint.
- Defendants state that Celebrex® was and is safe and effective when used in accordance with its FDA-approved prescribing information. Defendants state that the potential effects of Celebrex® were and are adequately described in its FDA-approved prescribing information, which was at all times adequate and comported with applicable standards of care and law. Defendants deny any wrongful conduct and deny the remaining allegations in this paragraph of the Complaint.
- 142. Defendants are without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations in this paragraph of the Complaint regarding whether Decedent used Celebrex® and, therefore, deny the same. Defendants state that Celebrex® was and is safe and effective when used in accordance with its FDA-approved prescribing information. Defendants state that the potential effects of Celebrex® were and are adequately described in its FDAapproved prescribing information, which was at all times adequate and comported with

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- Defendants deny any wrongful conduct, deny that Celebrex® caused Plaintiff or Decedent injury or damage, and deny the remaining allegations in this paragraph of the Complaint.

Response to Sixth Cause of Action: Unjust Enrichment

Defendants incorporate by reference their responses to each paragraph of Plaintiff's 152.

Complaint as if fully set forth herein.

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Response to Seventh Cause of Action:

State Consumer Fraud and Deceptive Trade Practices Act

- 158. Answering the second Paragraph 158 in the Complaint, Defendants incorporate by reference their responses to each paragraph of Plaintiff's Complaint as if fully set forth herein.
- 159. Plaintiff's Complaint omits Paragraph Number 159.

remaining allegations in this paragraph of the Complaint.

- 160. Defendants state that this paragraph of the Complaint contains legal contentions to which no response is required. To the extent that a response is deemed required, Defendants admit that they had duties as are imposed by law but deny having breached such duties. Defendants deny the remaining allegations in this paragraph of the Complaint.
- Defendants are without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations regarding whether Decedent used Celebrex® and, therefore, deny the same. Defendants state that Celebrex® was and is safe and effective when used in accordance with its FDA-approved prescribing information. Defendants state that the potential effects of Celebrex® were and are adequately described in its FDA-approved prescribing information, which was at all times adequate and comported with applicable standards of care and law. Defendants deny any wrongful conduct and deny the remaining allegations in this paragraph of the Complaint.
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- 163. Defendants are without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations regarding whether Decedent used Celebrex® and, therefore, deny the same. Defendants deny the remaining allegations in this paragraph of the Complaint.
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Response to Eighth Cause of Action: State Suppliers Liability Statute

- 172. Defendants incorporate by reference their responses to each paragraph of Plaintiff's Complaint as if fully set forth herein.
- 173. Defendants are without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations in this paragraph of the Complaint regarding whether Decedent used Celebrex®, and, therefore, deny the same. Defendants admit that, during certain periods of time, Pfizer and Pharmacia marketed and co-promoted Celebrex® in the United States to be prescribed by healthcare providers who are by law authorized to prescribe drugs in accordance with their approval by the FDA. Defendants admit that, during certain periods of time, Celebrex® was manufactured and packaged for Searle, which developed, tested, marketed, copromoted and distributed Celebrex® in the United States to be prescribed by healthcare providers who are by law authorized to prescribe drugs in accordance with their approval by the FDA. Defendants state that, in the ordinary case, Celebrex® was expected to reach users and consumers without substantial change from the time of sale. Defendants deny the remaining allegations in this paragraph of the Complaint.
- Defendants state that Celebrex® was and is safe and effective when used in accordance 174. with its FDA-approved prescribing information. Defendants state that the potential effects of Celebrex® were and are adequately described in its FDA-approved prescribing information,

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- Defendants are without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the 176. truth of the allegations in this paragraph of the Complaint regarding whether Decedent used Celebrex®, and, therefore, deny the same. Defendants state that Celebrex® was and is safe and effective when used in accordance with its FDA-approved prescribing information. Defendants state that the potential effects of Celebrex® were and are adequately described in its FDAapproved prescribing information, which was at all times adequate and comported with applicable standards of care and law. Defendants deny any wrongful conduct, deny that Celebrex® is defective, deny that Celebrex® caused Plaintiff or Decedent injury or damage, and deny the remaining allegations in this paragraph of the Complaint.
- 177. Defendants state that Celebrex® was and is safe and effective when used in accordance with its FDA-approved prescribing information. Defendants state that the potential effects of Celebrex® were and are adequately described in its FDA-approved prescribing information, which was at all times adequate and comported with applicable standards of care and law. Defendants deny any wrongful conduct, deny that Celebrex® is defective, and deny the remaining allegations in this paragraph of the Complaint.
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- 181. Defendants state that Celebrex® was and is safe and effective when used in accordance with its FDA-approved prescribing information. Defendants state that the potential effects of Celebrex® were and are adequately described in its FDA-approved prescribing information, which was at all times adequate and comported with applicable standards of care and law. Defendants deny any wrongful conduct and deny the remaining allegations in this paragraph of the Complaint.
- 182. Defendants are without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations in this paragraph of the Complaint regarding whether Decedent used

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- Defendants deny any wrongful conduct, deny that Celebrex® caused Plaintiff or Decedent injury or damage, and deny the remaining allegations in this paragraph of the Complaint.
- 184. Defendants deny any wrongful conduct, deny that Celebrex® caused Plaintiff or Decedent injury or damage, and deny the remaining allegations in this paragraph of the Complaint.
- Defendants deny any wrongful conduct, deny that Celebrex® caused Plaintiff or 185. Decedent injury or damage, and deny the remaining allegations in this paragraph of the Complaint.
- Defendants state that this paragraph of the Complaint contains legal contentions to 186. which no response is required. To the extent that a response is deemed required, Defendants deny any wrongful conduct, deny that Celebrex® caused Plaintiff or Decedent injury or damage, and deny the remaining allegations in this paragraph of the Complaint.
- Defendants deny any wrongful conduct, deny that Celebrex® caused Plaintiff or Decedent injury or damage, and deny the remaining allegations in this paragraph of the Complaint.

Response to Ninth Cause of Action: Unjust Enrichment

- 188. Defendants incorporate by reference their responses to each paragraph of Plaintiff's Complaint as if fully set forth herein.
- 189. Defendants state that this paragraph of the Complaint contains legal contentions to which no response is required. To the extent that a response is deemed required, Defendants admit that they had duties as are imposed by law but deny having breached such duties.

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Response to Prayer For Relief

Defendants deny any wrongful conduct, deny that Celebrex® caused Plaintiff or Decedent injury or damage, and deny the remaining allegations in paragraph of the Complaint headed "Prayer for Relief," including all subparts.

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III.

GENERAL DENIAL

Defendants deny all allegations and/or legal conclusions set forth in Plaintiff's Complaint that have not been previously admitted, denied, or explained.

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AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSES

Defendants reserve the right to rely upon any of the following or additional defenses to claims asserted by Plaintiff to the extent that such defenses are supported by information developed through discovery or evidence at trial. Defendants affirmatively show that:

First Defense

1. The Complaint fails to state a claim upon which relief can be granted.

Second Defense

2. Celebrex® is a prescription medical product. The federal government has preempted the field of law applicable to the labeling and warning of prescription medical products. Defendants' labeling and warning of Celebrex® was at all times in compliance with applicable federal law. Plaintiff's causes of action against Defendants, therefore, fail to state a claim upon which relief can be granted; such claims, if allowed, would conflict with applicable federal law and violate the Supremacy Clause of the United States Constitution.

Third Defense

At all relevant times, Defendants provided proper warnings, information and instructions for the drug in accordance with generally recognized and prevailing standards in existence at the time.

Fourth Defense

At all relevant times, Defendants' warnings and instructions with respect to the use of Celebrex® conformed to the generally recognized, reasonably available, and reliable state of knowledge at the time the drug was manufactured, marketed and distributed.

Fifth Defense

5. Plaintiff's action is time-barred as it is filed outside of the time permitted by the

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applicable Statute of Limitations, and same is pled in full bar of any liability as to Defendants.

Sixth Defense

6. Plaintiff's action is barred by the statute of repose.

Seventh Defense

7. Plaintiff's claims against Defendants are barred to the extent Plaintiff and Decedent were contributorily negligent, actively negligent or otherwise failed to mitigate their damages, and any recovery by Plaintiff should be diminished accordingly.

Eighth Defense

8. The proximate cause of the loss complained of by Plaintiff is not due to any acts or omissions on the part of Defendants. Rather, said loss is due to the acts or omissions on the part of third parties unrelated to Defendants and for whose acts or omissions Defendants are not liable in any way.

Ninth Defense

9. The acts and/or omissions of unrelated third parties as alleged constituted independent, intervening causes for which Defendants cannot be liable.

Tenth Defense

10. Any injuries or expenses incurred by Plaintiff or Decedent were not caused by Celebrex®, but were proximately caused, in whole or in part, by an idiosyncratic reaction, operation of nature, or act of God.

Eleventh Defense

11. Defendants affirmatively deny that they violated any duty owed to Plaintiff or Decedent.

Twelfth Defense

12. A manufacturer has no duty to warn patients or the general public of any risk, contraindication, or adverse effect associated with the use of a prescription medical product. Rather, the law requires that all such warnings and appropriate information be given to the prescribing physician and the medical profession, which act as a "learned intermediary" in determining the use of the product. Celebrex® is a prescription medical product, available only on the order of a licensed physician. Celebrex® provided an adequate warning to Decedent's

treating and prescribing physicians.

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Thirteenth Defense

The product at issue was not in a defective condition or unreasonably dangerous at the time it left the control of the manufacturer or seller.

Fourteenth Defense

14. Celebrex® was at all times material to the Complaint reasonably safe and reasonably fit for its intended use and the warnings and instructions accompanying Celebrex® at the time of the occurrence of the injuries alleged by Plaintiff were legally adequate for its approved usages.

Fifteenth Defense

15. Plaintiff's causes of action are barred in whole or in part by the lack of a defect as the Celebrex® allegedly ingested by Plaintiff and Decedent was prepared in accordance with the applicable standard of care.

Sixteenth Defense

16. Plaintiff's and Decedent's alleged injuries/damages, if any, were the result of misuse or abnormal use of the product Celebrex® after the product left the control of Defendants and any liability of Defendants is therefore barred.

Seventeenth Defense

17. Plaintiff's and Decedent's alleged damages were not caused by any failure to warn on the part of Defendants.

Eighteenth Defense

Plaintiff's and Decedent's alleged injuries/damages, if any, were the result of 18. preexisting or subsequent conditions unrelated to Celebrex®.

Nineteenth Defense

19. Plaintiff and Decedent knew or should have known of any risk associated with Celebrex®; therefore, the doctrine of assumption of the risk bars or diminishes any recovery.

Twentieth Defense

20. Plaintiff is barred from recovering against Defendants because Plaintiff's claims are preempted in accordance with the Supremacy Clause of the United States Constitution and by

the Federal Food, Drug and Cosmetics Act, 21 U.S.C. § 301 et. seq.

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Twenty-first Defense

Plaintiff's claims are barred in whole or in part under the applicable state law because

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the subject pharmaceutical product at issue was subject to and received pre-market approval by

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the Food and Drug Administration under 52 Stat. 1040, 21 U.S.C. § 301.

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Twenty-second Defense

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23. Plaintiff's claims are barred in whole or in part by the deference given to the primary jurisdiction of the Food and Drug Administration over the subject pharmaceutical product at

issue under applicable federal laws, regulations, and rules.

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25. Plaintiff's claims are barred in whole or in part because Defendants provided adequate "direction or warnings" as to the use of the subject pharmaceutical product within the meaning

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of Comment j to Section 402A of the Restatement (Second) of Torts.

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Twenty-sixth Defense

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26. Plaintiff's claims are barred or limited to a product liability failure to warn claim because Celebrex® is a prescription pharmaceutical drug and falls within the ambit of

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Restatement (Second) of Torts § 402A, Comment k.

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Twenty-seventh Defense

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27. Plaintiff's claims are barred in whole or in part because the subject pharmaceutical product at issue "provides net benefits for a class of patients" within the meaning of Comment f

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35. Plaintiff and Decedent failed to provide Defendants with timely notice of any alleged nonconformance to any express representation.

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Thirty-sixth Defense

36. To the extent that Plaintiff's claims are based on a theory providing for liability without proof of causation, the claims violate Defendants' rights under the United States Constitution.

Thirty-seventh Defense

37. Plaintiff's claims are barred, in whole or in part, because the advertisements, if any, and labeling with respect to the subject pharmaceutical products were not false or misleading and, therefore, constitute protected commercial speech under the applicable provisions of the United States Constitution.

Thirty-eighth Defense

38. To the extent that Plaintiff seeks punitive damages for the conduct which allegedly caused injuries asserted in the Complaint, punitive damages are barred or reduced by applicable law or statute or, in the alternative, are unconstitutional insofar as they violate the due process protections afforded by the United States Constitution, the excessive fines clause of the Eighth Amendment of the United States Constitution, the Commerce Clause of the United States Constitution, and the Full Faith and Credit Clause of the United States Constitution, and applicable provisions of the Constitutions of the States of Arizona and California. Any law, statute, or other authority purporting to permit the recovery of punitive damages in this case is unconstitutional, facially and as applied, to the extent that, without limitation, it: (1) lacks constitutionally sufficient standards to guide and restrain the jury's discretion in determining whether to award punitive damages and/or the amount, if any; (2) is void for vagueness in that it failed to provide adequate advance notice as to what conduct will result in punitive damages; (3) permits recovery of punitive damages based on out-of-state conduct, conduct that complied with applicable law, or conduct that was not directed, or did not proximately cause harm, to Plaintiff or Decedent; (4) permits recovery of punitive damages in an amount that is not both reasonable and proportionate to the amount of harm, if any, to Plaintiff or Decedent and to the amount of compensatory damages, if any; (5) permits jury consideration of net worth or other financial information relating to Defendants; (6) lacks constitutionally sufficient standards to be applied by the trial court in post-verdict review of any punitive damages awards; (7) lacks

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constitutionally sufficient standards for appellate review of punitive damages awards; and (8) otherwise fails to satisfy Supreme Court precedent, including, without limitation, *Pacific* Mutual Life Ins. Co. v. Haslip, 499 U.S. 1, 111 (1991), TXO Production Corp. v. Alliance Resources, Inc., 509 U.S. 443 (1993); BMW of North America, Inc. v. Gore, 519 U.S. 559 (1996); and State Farm Mut. Auto Ins. Co. v. Campbell, 538 U.S. 408 (2003).

Thirty-ninth Defense

39. The methods, standards, and techniques utilized with respect to the manufacture, design, and marketing of Celebrex®, if any, used in this case, included adequate warnings and instructions with respect to the product's use in the package insert and other literature, and conformed to the generally recognized, reasonably available, and reliable state of the knowledge at the time the product was marketed.

Fortieth Defense

40. The claims asserted in the Complaint are barred because Celebrex® was designed, tested, manufactured and labeled in accordance with the state-of-the-art industry standards existing at the time of the sale.

Forty-first Defense

41. If Plaintiff or Decedent has sustained injuries or losses as alleged in the Complaint, upon information and belief, such injuries and losses were caused by the actions of persons not having real or apparent authority to take said actions on behalf of Defendants and over whom Defendants had no control and for whom Defendants may not be held accountable.

Forty-second Defense

42. The claims asserted in the Complaint are barred, in whole or in part, because Celebrex® was not unreasonably dangerous or defective, was suitable for the purpose for which it was intended, and was distributed with adequate and sufficient warnings.

Forty-third Defense

43. Plaintiff's claims are barred, in whole or in part, by the equitable doctrines of laches, waiver, and/or estoppel.

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Forty-fourth Defense

44. Plaintiff's claims are barred because Plaintiff's and Decedent's injuries, if any, were the result of the pre-existing and/or unrelated medical, genetic and/or environmental conditions, diseases or illnesses, subsequent medical conditions or natural courses of conditions of Plaintiff and Decedent, and were independent of or far removed from Defendants' conduct.

Forty-fifth Defense

45. The claims asserted in the Complaint are barred, in whole or in part, because Celebrex® did not proximately cause injuries or damages to Plaintiff or Decedent.

Forty-sixth Defense

46. The claims asserted in the Complaint are barred, in whole or in part, because Plaintiff and Decedent did not incur any ascertainable loss as a result of Defendants' conduct.

Forty-seventh Defense

47. The claims asserted in the Complaint are barred, in whole or in part, because the manufacturing, labeling, packaging, and any advertising of the product complied with the applicable codes, standards and regulations established, adopted, promulgated or approved by any applicable regulatory body, including but not limited to the United States, any state, and any agency thereof.

Forty-eighth Defense

48. The claims must be dismissed because Plaintiff and Decedent would have taken Celebrex® even if the product labeling contained the information that Plaintiff contends should have been provided.

Forty-ninth Defense

49. The claims asserted in the Complaint are barred because the utility of Celebrex® outweighed its risks.

Fiftieth Defense

50. Plaintiff's damages, if any, are barred or limited by the payments received from collateral sources.

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Fifty-first Defense

51. Defendants' liability, if any, can only be determined after the percentages of responsibility of all persons who caused or contributed toward Plaintiff's alleged damages, if any, are determined. Defendants seek an adjudication of the percentage of fault of the claimants and each and every other person whose fault could have contributed to the alleged injuries and damages, if any, of Plaintiff and Decedent.

Fifty-second Defense

Plaintiff's claims are barred, in whole or in part, by the doctrine of abstention in that the 52. common law gives deference to discretionary actions by the United States Food and Drug Administration under the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act.

Fifty-third Defense

53. The claims asserted in the Complaint are barred, in whole or in part, because Celebrex® is comprehensively regulated by the FDA pursuant to the Federal Food, Drug & Cosmetic Act ("FDCA"), 21 U.S.C. §§ 301 et seq., and regulations promulgated there under, and Plaintiff's claims conflict with the FDCA, with the regulations promulgated by FDA to implement the FDCA, with the purposes and objectives of the FDCA and FDA's implementing regulations, and with the specific determinations by FDA specifying the language that should be used in the labeling accompanying Celebrex®. Accordingly, Plaintiff's claims are preempted by the Supremacy Clause of the United States Constitution, Article VI, clause 2, and the laws of the United States.

Fifty-fourth Defense

54. Plaintiff's misrepresentation allegations are not stated with the degree of particularity required by Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 9(b) and should be dismissed.

Fifty-fifth Defense

55. Defendants state on information and belief that the Complaint and each purported cause of action contained therein is barred by the statutes of limitations contained in California Code of Civil Procedure §§ 335.1 and 338 and former § 340(3), and such other statutes of limitation as may apply.

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56. Defendants state on information and belief that any injuries, losses, or damages suffered by Plaintiff and Decedent were proximately caused, in whole or in part, by the negligence or other actionable conduct of persons or entities other than Defendants. Therefore, Plaintiff's recovery against Defendants, if any, should be reduced pursuant to California Civil Code § 1431.2.

Fifty-seventh Defense

57. To the extent that Plaintiff seeks punitive damages for an alleged act or omission of Defendants, no act or omission was oppressive, fraudulent, or malicious under California Civil Code § 3294, and, therefore, any award of punitive damages is barred. Any claim for punitive damages is also barred under California Civil Code § 3294(b).

Fifty-eighth Defense

58. Plaintiff's claims are barred in whole or in part by the affirmative defenses referenced in A.R.S. § 12-683.

Fifty-ninth Defense

59. Any claims for breach of warranty are barred for lack of reasonable reliance, lack of timely notice, lack of privity, and because the alleged warranties were excluded and/or disclaimed.

Sixtieth Defense

60. Defendants reserve the right to supplement their assertion of defenses as they continue with their factual investigation of Plaintiff's claims.

V.

PRAYER

- 24 WHEREFORE, Defendants pray for judgment as follows:
- 25 1. That Plaintiff take nothing from Defendants by reason of the Complaint;
- 26 2. That the Complaint be dismissed;
- 27 3. That Defendants be awarded their costs for this lawsuit;
- 4. 28 That the trier of fact determine what percentage of the combined fault or other liability

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	1 2 3 4	JURY DEMAND Defendants Pfizer Inc., Pharmacia Corporation, and G.D. Searle LLC hereby demand a trial by jury of all the facts and issues in this case pursuant to 38(b) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure.			
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